return to England will live disorderly if they be not forced to return to their native counties and former trade and the like discommodities from those that return from the Low Countries Moreover the Queen shall lose all hope of Calais and be unassured of the great sums lent to the French King In France also the restitution of the Catholic religion, though liberty be promised to Protestants, will breed division and civil war, whereby the Catholics getting the upper hand, will be ready to please the King by depriving all Protestants of their states and liberties

*^rd January* SIR JOHN SMYTHE RELEASED

Sir John Smythe, who was committed to the Tower for his seditions in the summer of '96, having made submission to her Majesty in writing before the Council, is now to be set at liberty, to repair to his own house in Essex and not to depart thence within the compass of a mile

*^th January* THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

M de Maisse hath now taken his leave and will set out for France to-morrow The Queen hath resolved to send Mr Secretary Cecil to France Hereat in Court they say that this will be in good earnest, but others take it for a sign that peace is toward

*$th January* TYRONE AGAIN SUBMITS

Three days before Christmas Tyrone again submitted him-self, making a very humble and penitent submission, declaring upon the knees of his heart that he is most sorry for his late relapse and defection, promising also that if he be granted a truce for two months there shall be no impediment to the victualling of the fort at Blackwater

*ictb January* COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE FRENCH COURTS

The Queen having resolved to send Sir Robert Cecil mto France together with some other Commissioners for special affairs, some order will be taken for the continued complaints of the spoils committed by the French in the Narrow Seas, and to this end Dr Compton goeth with the Secretary with remembrances and informations that appertain to these matters.